

1                   **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47**

2                   (By Delegates Hall, L. Phillips, Moore and White)

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6 Requesting the Bradshaw Bridge in Bradshaw, McDowell County, West  
7 Virginia on State Route 80, specifically bridge number 24 at  
8 mile post 0.02, be named the "James Ray Bailey Memorial  
9 Bridge."

10 WHEREAS, James Ray Bailey was born October 8, 1974 in  
11 Richlands, Virginia, the son of Clarence and Lissie Hicks Bailey  
12 and raised in West Virginia, graduating from Iaeger High School and  
13 employed as a firefighter for approximately ten years and then by  
14 the McDowell Ambulance Authority; and

15 WHEREAS, James Ray Bailey died on September 8, 2010, at the  
16 young age of 35 years from injuries sustained in an ambulance  
17 accident while in the performance of his duties; and

18 WHEREAS, James Ray Bailey's marriage to Heather Bailey produced  
19 two children, namely Phillip James Bailey, age 11 years and  
20 Izabella Faith Bailey, age 6 years; and

21 WHEREAS, James Ray Bailey was a young man who served his  
22 community as a firefighter and EMS with the McDowell Ambulance  
23 Authority. He was quick to respond to all calls as a first  
24 responder, whether it be to the fire department, an automobile

1 wreck or other emergency. He has been described as a "people  
2 person" who knew everyone in his community and he loved putting  
3 smiles on their faces. While he enjoyed fishing, hunting, bike  
4 riding, roller blades and pool, his children, family and being a  
5 father were his main enjoyments. He is survived by his children,  
6 their mother, his mother and father, two sisters, Pamela Bailey  
7 Mullins and Keisha Bailey Rife, a brother, Russell Bailey, maternal  
8 grandmother, Mealie Hicks, and other in-laws, nephews and nieces,  
9 other family members, friends and co-workers. He was a young man  
10 dedicated to serving his community, who died in that service and  
11 will be missed by all who knew him; therefore, be it

12       *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

13       That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to name the  
14 Bradshaw Bridge number 24 on State Route 80 at mile post 0.20 in  
15 Bradshaw, McDowell County, West Virginia the "James Ray Bailey  
16 Memorial Bridge"; and, be it

17       *Further Resolved,* That the Commissioner of the Division of  
18 Highways is hereby requested to cause to be fabricated signs to be  
19 erected at each entryway of the bridge, containing bold and  
20 prominent letters proclaiming the bridge to be named the "James Ray  
21 Bailey Memorial Bridge"; and, be it

22       *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk of the House of Delegates  
23 forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of  
24 the Division of Highways and the surviving family of James Ray  
25 Bailey.